

***U.S. Environmental Protection Agency***  
**Total Coliform Rule / Distribution System Advisory Committee**

The Churchill Hotel  
1914 Connecticut Avenue NW  
Washington DC

**June 18-19, 2008**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**Meeting Objectives/Desired Outcomes:**

- Discuss options for revising the Total Coliform Rule, including rule construct, monitoring provisions, system categories, action levels, investigation and follow-up, and public notification, etc;
- Discuss and reach preliminary agreement on priorities and coordination mechanisms for research and information collection concerning distribution systems;
- Agree on a draft version of the agreement in principle (AIP) to circulate with member organizations for comments prior to the July meeting; and
- Discuss next steps in the context of the Committee's overall time table.

**Wednesday, June 18, 2008**

8:30-9:00      Arrival

9:00-9:15      Welcome, Introductions, Meeting Objectives and Agenda  
*Objective: Review desired outcomes, agenda and materials for this meeting.*

9:15-10:30    Presentation: Status of Proposed Recommendations for a Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR) and Available Analyses  
*Objective: Review the elements currently in the "single-text" option, how these compare with the current TCR, and key issues for this meeting. Present comparative analysis of the proposed recommendations (as far as known) related to the current TCR, the Committee's objectives and the objectives of the rule. Provide context for how the analysis was constructed and why and limitations to the data.*

Doug Owen, Malcolm Pirnie [15 min]

Discussion (for purpose of understanding perspectives and allocating time on agenda) [60 min]

- What are the most significant issues needing resolution?

10:30-10:45    Break

10:45-12:00 Discussion I: Rule Construct, Assessment and Corrective Action

*Objective: Review status of recommendations to date and proposed language for the draft agreement in principle document for circulation within member organizations.*

Discussion topics:

- Level 2 assessment and triggers (Section 3.9)
- Timetable to complete assessments (Section 3.9)
- Other comments on proposed language for sections 3.1, 3.9, 3.10, and 3.11 (e.g. rule construct, level 1 assessment and trigger, corrective action)

12:00-1:15 Lunch (on your own, time for caucuses)

1:15-2:15 Discussion II: General Provisions

*Objective: Review status of recommendations to date and proposed language for the draft agreement in principle document for circulation within member organizations.*

Discussion topics:

- Transition to new rule (Section 3.3)
- Violations and public notification (Section 3.12)
- Consequences of monitoring and reporting violations (section(s) TBD)
- Other comments on proposed language for sections 3.3 and 3.12

2:15-3:15 Discussion III: Baseline and Reduced Monitoring Provisions for Non-Community Water Systems Serving 25 to 1,000

*Objective: Review status of recommendations to date and proposed language for the draft agreement in principle document for circulation within member organizations.*

Discussion topics:

- Baseline monitoring requirements (Section 3.4.a)
- Reduced monitoring and criteria for reduced (Section 3.4.a)
- Provisions for seasonal systems (section(s) TBD)
- Other comments on proposed language for section 3.4.a

3:15-3:30 Break

3:30-4:30 Discussion IV: Baseline and Reduced Monitoring Provisions for Community Water Systems Serving 1,000 or Fewer

*Objective: Review status of recommendations to date and proposed language for the draft agreement in principle document for circulation within member organizations.*

Key discussion topics:

- Baseline monitoring requirements for ground water systems (Section 3.4.b)
- Reduced monitoring for ground water systems and criteria for reduced (Section 3.4.b)
- Other comments on proposed language for section 3.4.b (e.g. monthly monitoring for surface water systems with no provision for reduced)

- 4:30-5:30     Discussion V: Baseline and Reduced Monitoring Provisions for Community Water Systems Serving 1,001 or More  
*Objective: Review status of recommendations to date and proposed language for the draft agreement in principle document for circulation within member organizations.*
- Discussion topics:
- Comments on proposed language for section 3.4.c (e.g. baseline monitoring same as current rule, no provision for reduced monitoring)
- 5:30-6:00     Public Comment

**Thursday, June 19, 2008**

- 8:00-8:30     Arrival
- 8:30-8:45     Review Today's Agenda  
*Objective: Reflections on Day One discussions and review desired outcomes, agenda and materials for this meeting. Review and approve April meeting summary.*
- 8:45-10:30    Discussion VI: Research and Information Collection Recommendations – Priorities and Implementation Mechanism  
*Objective: Review proposed agreement in principle language for research and information collection for circulation within member organizations*
- 10:30-10:45   Break
- 10:45-12:30   Discussion VII: Additional General Provisions  
*Objective: Review status of recommendations to date and proposed language for the draft agreement in principle document for circulation within member organizations.*
- Discussion topics (agree on concepts and review proposed language):
- Analytical methods (Section 3.2)
  - Sample siting plans (Section 3.5)
  - Criteria for returning to baseline monitoring (Section 3.6)
  - Repeat and follow up monitoring (Section 3.7 and 3.8)
  - Operator training and certification (Section 3.13)
  - Linkage to other rules (Section 3.14)
  - Reporting and recordkeeping (Section 3.15)
  - State primacy provisions (Section 3.16)
  - Other?
- 12:30-1:30    Working Lunch [*short break to get lunches and then small group work*]

- 1:30-2:30      General Discussion  
*Objective: Discuss any remaining issues and/or review proposals from small groups for language to resolve issues that arose during the meeting.*
- 2:30-3:00      Recap and Discuss Next Steps  
*Objective: Summarize decisions made and issues remaining. Discuss the approach/timing for circulating the agreement in principle document and implications for remaining meetings.*
- 3:00              Adjourn

*NOTE: This draft agenda was prepared by the facilitators for review by the Total Coliform Rule Distribution System Advisory Committee. The Total Coliform Rule Distribution System Advisory Committee is a federal advisory committee chartered by Congress, operating under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA; 5 U.S.C., App.2). The committee provides advice to the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on revisions to the Total Coliform Rule (TCR), and on what information about distribution systems is needed to better understand the public health impact from the degradation of drinking water quality in distribution systems. The findings and recommendations of the Committee do not represent the views of the Agency, and this document does not represent information approved or disseminated by EPA.*